

Call for papers

Nordic-Baltic links, networks and domains in semiotics and beyond 10th Conference of the Nordic Association for Semiotic Studies (NASS)

Kaunas, Lithuania, June 26-30th 2017

Venue:

Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities; Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania.

The 10th conference of the Nordic Association for Semiotic Studies (NASS X) will be held in conjunction with the 13th World Congress of Semiotics (see <http://isisemiotics.eu/iass2017/>); which is arranged by the International Association for Semiotic Studies (IASS-AIS), the International Semiotics Institute (ISI), and Kaunas University of Technology. Given that ISI is one of the semiotic centers of excellence in the Nordic-Baltic region, that Lithuania has recently become a member of NASS, and the fact that NASS has a long-standing relation with IASS, the choice of collaborating with the World Congress is very natural.

Theme:

The title of the 13th World Congress of Semiotics is "CROSS-INTER-MULTI-TRANS", and relevant topics include "relations", "interactions", "contaminations" in semiotic theories as well as social and biological processes.

NASS X will overlap thematically with the theme of the 13th World Congress of Semiotics, with a special focus on Nordic-Baltic links, networks and relations. This includes an emphasis on semiotic clusters in the region and how they deal with the complexity of such overlapping issues. It is our conviction that the multifarious semiotic seminal ideas that have originated in our region have much to offer to the debate on current social changes, technological innovations and the relations between ecological, cognitive and techno-cultural systems.

Additionally, NASS X will feature roundtables on Nordic semiotic clusters and centers (such as Tartu, Lund, Århus, Kaunas) highlighting educational programs and research agendas in light of the future.

Registration and conference fee:

The sessions of NASS X will be distributed and identified as parallel sessions within the 13th World Congress of Semiotics. Therefore, in order to attend NASS X you need to register to the 13th World Congress of Semiotics. This registration will entitle you to attend both conferences. If you would like to become a member of NASS for the period 2017–2019 (without any additional fee), you must either present a paper at NASS X, or sign the attendance list that will be available in the conference room during the sessions. In order to present a paper at NASS X, please submit an abstract as detailed below, and register for the 13th World Congress of Semiotics following their deadlines.

Abstract submission:

The deadline for abstract submissions is November 30th 2016. Abstracts should be submitted as a Word file attachment to post@nordicsemiotics.com, with subject line "Abstract for NASS X". In the email, please indicate whether or not you are a graduate student in order to be considered for the graduate student award and grants.

Each abstract submission should contain: (1) Surname, Name of the author (always put surname first, the way you want it to appear in the alphabetical order); (2) Your affiliation (including country); (3) Your email; (4) Title (and, if needed, subtitle) of the paper; (5) An abstract of max. 1300 characters; (6) Max. 5 keywords; (7) A short bio-note of max. 1000 characters.

The proposals must be written by following this [Template](#). Proposals written in free form will not be accepted. When saving the file, please name it as suggested by the template file. E.g.: Abstract_Smith, Abstract_Fernandez, Abstract_Wang, etc.

Graduate student award and grants:

5-10 graduate students presenting a paper at NASS X will be supported financially by NASS, with a grant of 150 Euro each.

Furthermore, a prize will be awarded for the best graduate student presentation at NASS X. The prize consists of a gift card worth 250 Euro, and a diploma. Both measures will be decided on by the Program committee of NASS X.

Program committee:

Aleksei Semenenko, Dario Martinelli, Inesa Sahakyan, Luis Emilio Bruni and Morten Tønnessen

Scientific committee (abstract evaluation):

Aleksei Semenenko, Inesa Sahakyan, Luis Emilio Bruni and Morten Tønnessen; more members
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